

to formulate and implement housing programmes according to their priority and plan resources and loan assistance from national level financial institutions like Housing and Urban Development Corporation Ltd. (HUDCO).

The National Housing Policy stipulates reduction of houselessness in the country over a ten years' period. Pursuant to this provision, the State Governments are expected to formulate specific State-level Action Plans to achieve the objective of reducing houselessness in the country.

(c) and (d). The policy towards slums and squatter settlements in the urban areas enunciated in the National Housing Policy is that the Central and the State Governments would encourage in-situ upgradation, slum renovation, and progressive housing development with conferment of occupancy rights wherever feasible and would also promote incremental construction and upgradation by poorer households through access to land and services, technical support, outlets for low-cost technology and materials, opportunities for skill upgradation and access of housing finance on flexible terms.

[Translation]

TLC in NCR Delhi

568 SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGARWAL : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the areas of National Capital Region of Delhi covered under the Total Literacy Programme during the last three years, till date.

(b) the total amount allocated to Delhi for this purpose during the above period, year-wise; and

(c) the amount actually utilised for this purpose, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA) : (a) The areas covered under Total Literacy Programme in national Capital Region of Delhi during the last three years are as under :

Delhi : North-East, South-West, North-West, South-Central, North, East and West districts of Delhi.

Haryana : Panipat, Sonapat, Rohtak, Rewari, Gurgaon and Faridabad districts.

Uttar Pradesh : Meerut, Ghaziabad and Bulandshahar districts.

Rajasthan : Alwar district.

(b) and (c). A total amount of Rs 420.27 lakhs was released for Delhi for implementation of Literacy

Programme over the last three years. The year-wise details are as under :

| Period | Rs. in Lakhs |
|---------|--------------|
| 1993-94 | 58.88 |
| 1994-95 | 62.95 |
| 1995-96 | 298.44 |

As the amount is sanctioned for the complete project, the actual utilisation of funds will be known only after completion of the project.

[English]

Radical Reforms in Examination System

569. SHRI SOUMYA RANJAN : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to bring radical reforms in the existing examination system; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA) : (a) and (b). The National Policy on Education (NPE), 1996 as modified in 1992 stipulates adoption of certain functional measures to recast the examination system. All the functional measures recommended in the NPE have been circulated amongst the State/UT Governments and the various Boards of School Education in the country urging them to initiate action towards implementing the NPE recommendations. The basic responsibility of implementing these Examination Reform measures is with the Boards in relation to the School system affiliated to each Board.

In the Higher Education system, the University Grants Commission has been emphasising the implementation of some specific measures of examination reforms like Continuous Internal Evaluation, Development of question banks, Grading system, Semester system, re-designing of syllabi and question papers and conduct of examinations.

Implementation of these examination reforms is a continuing process.

Indian Institute of Management at Calicut

570. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN
SHRI E AHAMED :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the allocation made for the proposed Indian

Institute of Management to be set up at Calicut and Kozikode in Kerala;

(b) whether the work on these projects has commenced;

(c) if not, the time by which the work is likely to commence and the target date of completion; and

(d) the courses and faculties likely to be started and included in these institutions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA) : (a) to (c). The Government has approved the establishment of Indian Institute of Management at Calicut with a total outlay of Rs. 43.11 crore upto the end of the Ninth Plan Period. An allocation of Rs. 1.00 crore has been made in the Budget Estimates 1996-97 for the institute. The Government of India has taken several steps to operationalise the institute.

(d) The proposed institute would offer Post-Graduate Programme, Short-term & Medium-term Programme and Fellowship Programme apart from Research and Consultancy activities.

World Bank Assistance for Primary Education

571. SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALAL : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the World Bank has sanctioned any loan for promotion of primary education during 1995-96;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons for approaching World Bank for loan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA) : (a) to (c). The World Bank has agreed to provide a credit of US \$ 425 million for the District Primary Education Programme Phase-II during the financial year 1996-97. The programme will cover about 60 districts in the States of Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Himachal Pradesh, Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, Assam, Haryana, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu over a six year period. The District Primary Education Programme seeks to further the national commitment to achieve universalisation of elementary education.

Agni and Prithvi Missiles

572. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government had stopped

manufacturing of Prithvi and Agni Missiles and has postponed the programme;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) whether the Government have now revised its decision and decided to develop and manufacture Agni and Prithvi missiles; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) to (b). There has been no postponement of the indigenous missile programme. User trials of surface-to-surface missile Prithvi have been successfully completed and subsequent activities are in progress. With three flight tests of re-entry technology demonstrator, the project Agni has been successfully completed. However, Agni is not a missile programme.

(c) There has been no revision in the Government's decisions. Status of Prithvi and Agni programmes is given in reply to parts (a) and (b) of the question.

(d) Does not arise.

US Arms Supply to Pakistan

573. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state

(a) whether US \$ 368 million worth of arms have been supplied by the US to Pakistan;

(b) if so, the details of the arms supplied to Pakistan;

(c) whether the US President has stated that arms supply to Pakistan is a conditional one;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government have urged the US not to supply the arms in view of Pakistan's purchasing explosives of mass destruction from North Korea;

(f) if so, the details thereof and the response of the US thereto; and

(g) the measures the Government propose to take to meet the threat posed to the security of India?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL) : (a) In April 1996, the US Administration decided, following the passage of the Hank Brown Amendment, to proceed with the release to Pakistan of \$ 368 million worth of military equipment which had been purchased by Pakistan prior to the 1990 imposition of Pressler Amendment sanctions. The actual transfer of the equipment is reported to have now started.